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____1	287,046	10/23/1883	Norton
____2	1,088,393	02/24/1914	Backus
____3	1,331,401	02/17/1920	Summers
____4	2,087,074	07/13/1937	Tucker
____5	2,453,227	11/09/1948	James
____6	2,684,070	07/20/1954	Kelsey
____7	2,944,311	07/12/1960	Schneckenberger
____8	2,969,887	01/31/1961	Darmstadt et al.
____9	3,015,403	01/02/1962	Fuller
____10	3,142,878	08/04/1967	Santora
____11	3,482,428	12/09/1969	Kapitanov et al.
____12	3,586,002	06/22/1971	Wood
____13	3,604,425	09/14/1971	Le Roy

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____14	3,677,243	09/24/1971	Nerz
____15	3,757,629	09/11/1973	Schneider
____16	3,805,337	04/23/1974	Branstetter
____17	3,944,114	03/16/1976	Coppens
____18	4,014,492	03/29/1977	Rothfuss
____19	4,192,315	03/11/1980	Hilzinger et al.
____20	4,207,870	06/17/1980	Eldridge
____21	4,217,902	08/19/1980	March
____22	4,278,091	07/14/1981	Borzone
____23	4,318,401	03/09/1982	Zimmerman
____24	4,345,606	08/24/1982	Littleford
____25	4,396,139	08/02/1983	Hall et al.
____26	4,411,654	10/25/1983	Boarini et al.
____27	4,412,832	11/01/1983	Kling et al.
____28	4,428,376	01/31/1984	Mericle

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____29	4,485,816	12/04/1984	Krumme
____30	4,505,273	03/19/1985	Braun et al.
____31	4,505,274	03/19/1985	Speelman
____32	4,523,695	06/18/1985	Braun et al.
____33	4,525,157	06/25/1985	Valaincourt
____34	4,586,503	05/06/1986	Kirsch et al.
____35	4,607,638	08/26/1986	Crainich
____36	4,610,251	09/09/1986	Kumar
____37	4,610,252	09/09/1986	Catalano
____38	4,665,906	05/19/1987	Jervis
____39	4,687,469	08/18/1987	Osyпка
____40	4,724,840	02/16/1988	McVay et al
____41	4,738,658	04/19/1988	Magro et al.
____42	4,744,364	05/17/1988	Kensey
____43	4,771,782	09/20/1988	Millar

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____44	4,772,266	09/20/1988	Groshong
____45	4,777,950	10/18/1988	Kees, Jr.
____46	4,789,090	12/06/1988	Blake, III
____47	4,832,688	05/23/1989	Sagae et al.
____48	4,836,204	06/06/1989	Landymore et al.
____49	4,852,568	08/01/1989	Kensey
____50	4,860,746	08/29/1989	Yoon
____51	4,865,026	09/12/1989	Barrett
____52	4,874,122	10/17/1989	Froelich et al.
____53	4,878,915	11/07/1989	Brantigan
____54	4,887,601	12/19/1989	Richards
____55	4,917,087	04/17/1990	Walsh et al.
____56	4,934,364	06/19/1990	Green
____57	4,950,258	08/21/1990	Kawai et al.
____58	5,007,921	04/16/1991	Brown

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____59	5,015,247	05/14/1991	Michelson
____60	5,021,059	06/04/1991	Kensey et al.
____61	5,026,390	06/25/1991	Brown
____62	5,053,008	10/01/1991	Bajaj
____63	5,061,274	10/29/1991	Kensey
____64	5,100,418	03/31/1992	Yoon et al.
____65	5,108,420	04/28/1992	Marks
____66	5,108,421	04/28/1992	Fowler
____67	5,114,032	05/19/1992	Laidlaw
____68	5,114,065	05/19/1992	Storace
____69	5,131,379	07/21/1992	Sewell, Jr.
____70	5,147,381	09/15/1992	Heimerl et al.
____71	5,156,609	10/20/1992	Nakao et al.
____72	5,167,634	12/01/1992	Corrigan, Jr. et al.
____73	5,167,643	12/01/1992	Lynn

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____74	5,171,249	12/15/1992	Stefanchik et al.
____75	5,176,648	01/05/1993	Holmes et al.
____76	5,192,300	03/09/1993	Fowler
____77	5,192,301	03/09/1993	Kamiya et al.
____78	5,192,302	03/09/1993	Kensey et al.
____79	5,209,756	05/11/1993	Seedhorm et al.
____80	5,222,974	06/29/1993	Kensey et al.
____81	5,243,857	02/28/1995	Velez
____82	5,246,156	09/21/1993	Rothfuss et al.
____83	5,246,443	09/21/1993	Mai
____84	5,275,616	01/04/1994	Fowler
____85	5,290,243	03/01/1994	Chodorow et al.
____86	5,290,310	03/01/1994	Makower et al.
____87	5,292,309	03/08/1994	Van Tassel et al.
____88	5,292,332	03/08/1994	Lee

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____89	5,304,184	04/19/1994	Hathaway et al.
____90	5,306,254	04/26/1994	Nash et al.
____91	5,318,542	06/07/1994	Hirsch et al.
____92	5,320,639	06/14/1994	Rudnick
____93	5,334,216	08/02/1994	Vidal et al.
____94	5,334,217	08/02/1994	Das
____95	5,350,399	09/27/1994	Erlebacher et al.
____96	5,352,229	10/04/1994	Goble et al.
____97	5,366,458	11/22/1994	Korthoff et al.
____98	5,366,479	11/22/1994	McGarry et al.
____99	5,392,978	02/28/1995	Valez et al.
____100	5,395,030	03/07/1995	Kuramoto et al.
____101	5,411,520	05/02/1995	Nash et al.
____102	5,413,571	05/09/1995	Katsaros et al.
____103	5,413,584	05/09/1995	Schulze

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____104	5,416,584	05/16/1995	Kay
____105	5,417,699	05/23/1995	Klein et al.
____106	5,423,857	06/13/1995	Rosenman et al.
____107	5,431,639	07/11/1995	Shaw
____108	5,443,481	08/22/1995	Lee
____109	5,456,400	10/10/1995	Shichman et al.
____110	5,470,010	11/28/1995	Rothfuss et al.
____111	5,474,557	12/12/1995	Mai
____112	5,478,352	12/26/1995	Fowler
____113	5,478,353	07/18/1994	Yoon et al.
____114	5,478,354	12/26/1995	Tovey et al.
____115	5,486,195	01/23/1996	Myers et al.
____116	5,507,755	04/16/1996	Gresl et al.
____117	5,522,840	06/04/1996	Krajicek
____118	5,527,322	06/18/1996	Klein et al.

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____119	5,536,251	07/16/1996	Evard et al.
____120	5,544,802	08/13/1996	Crainich
____121	5,560,532	10/01/1996	DeFonzo et al.
____122	5,591,205	01/07/1997	Fowler
____123	5,601,602	02/11/1997	Fowler
____124	5,620,461	04/15/1997	Muijs et al.
____125	5,643,318	07/01/1997	Tsukernik et al.
____126	5,645,565	07/08/1997	Rudd et al.
____127	5,645,566	07/08/1997	Brenneman et al.
____128	5,645,567	07/08/1997	Crainich
____129	5,674,231	10/07/1997	Green et al.
____130	5,676,689	10/14/1997	Kensey et al.
____131	5,676,974	10/14/1997	Valdes et al.
____132	5,683,405	11/04/1997	Yacoubian et al.
____133	5,690,674	11/25/1997	Diaz

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____134	5,695,504	12/09/1997	Gifford, III et al.
____135	5,695,505	12/09/1997	Yoon
____136	5,716,375	02/10/1998	Fowler
____137	5,725,554	03/10/1998	Simon et al.
____138	5,728,114	03/17/1998	Evans et al.
____139	5,728,122	03/17/1998	Leschinsky et al.
____140	5,728,132	03/17/1998	Van Tassel et al.
____141	5,732,872	03/31/1998	Bolduc et al.
____142	5,782,844	07/21/1998	Yoon et al.
____143	5,782,860	07/21/1998	Epstein et al.
____144	5,782,861	07/21/1998	Cragg et al.
____145	5,810,776	09/22/1998	Bacich et al.
____146	5,810,846	09/22/1998	Virnich et al.
____147	5,810,851	09/22/1998	Yoon
____148	5,817,113	10/06/1998	Gifford, III et al.

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____149	5,820,631	10/13/1998	Nobles
____150	5,830,125	11/03/1998	Scribner et al.
____151	5,855,312	01/05/1999	Toledano
____152	5,861,005	01/19/1999	Kontos
____153	5,871,474	02/16/1999	Hermann et al.
____154	5,871,501	02/16/1999	Leschinsky et al.
____155	5,871,525	02/16/1999	Edwards et al.
____156	5,879,366	03/09/1999	Shaw et al.
____157	5,902,310	05/11/1999	Foerster et al.
____158	5,904,697	05/18/1999	Gifford, III et al.
____159	5,910,155	06/08/1999	Ratcliff et al.
____160	5,922,009	07/13/1999	Epstein et al.
____161	5,935,147	08/10/1999	Kensey et al.
____162	5,941,890	08/24/1999	Voegele et al.
____163	5,951,518	09/14/1999	Licata et al.

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____164	5,951,589	09/14/1999	Epstein et al.
____165	5,964,782	10/12/1999	Lafontaine et al.
____166	5,984,934	11/16/1999	Ashby et al.
____167	5,984,949	11/16/1999	Levin
____168	5,993,468	11/30/1999	Rygaard
____169	6,004,341	12/21/1999	Zhu et al.
____170	6,007,563	12/28/1999	Nash et al.
____171	6,022,372	02/08/2000	Kontos
____172	6,030,364	02/29/2000	Durgin et al.
____173	6,036,720	03/14/2000	Abrams et al.
____174	6,045,570	04/04/2000	Epstein et al.
____175	6,048,358	04/11/2000	Barak
____176	6,056,768	05/02/2000	Cates et al.
____177	6,056,769	05/02/2000	Epstein et al.
____178	6,056,770	05/02/2000	Epstein et al.

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____180	6,077,281	06/20/2000	Das
____181	6,077,291	06/20/2000	Das
____182	6,080,182	06/27/2000	Shaw et al.
____183	6,080,183	06/27/2000	Tsugita et al.
____184	6,090,130	07/18/2000	Nash et al.
____185	6,110,184	08/29/2000	Weadock
____186	6,113,612	09/05/2000	Swanson et al.
____187	6,117,148	09/12/2000	Ravo
____188	6,120,524	09/19/2000	Taheri
____189	6,149,660	11/21/2000	Laufer et al.
____190	6,149,667	11/21/2000	Hovland et al.
____191	6,152,937	11/28/2000	Peterson et al.
____192	6,197,042	03/06/2001	Ginn et al.
____193	6,277,140	08/21/2001	Ginn et al.

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____194	6,287,322	09/11/2001	Zhu et al.
____195	6,305,891	10/23/2001	Burlingame
____196	6,322,580	11/27/2001	Kanner
____197	6,334,865	01/01/2002	Redmond et al.
____198	6,348,064	02/19/2002	Kanner
____199	6,391,048	05/21/2002	Ginn et al.
____200	6,398,752	06/04/2002	Sweezer et al.
____201	6,402,765	06/11/2002	Monassevitch et al.
____202	6,409,739	06/25/2002	Nobles et al.
____203	6,428,548	08/06/2002	Durgin et al.
____204	6,443,158	09/03/2002	Lafontaine et al.
____205	6,450,391	09/17/2002	Kayan et al.
____206	6,461,364	10/08/2002	Ginn et al.
____207	6,488,692	12/03/2002	Spence et al.
____208	6,506,210	01/14/2003	Kanner

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____209	6,533,762	03/18/2003	Kanner et al.
____210	6,547,806	04/15/2003	Ding
____211	6,582,452	06/24/2003	Coleman et al.
____212	6,602,263	08/05/2003	Swanson et al.
____213	6,616,686	09/09/2003	Coleman et al.
____214	6,623,510	09/23/2003	Carley et al.
____215	6,626,918	09/30/2003	Ginn et al.
____216	6,632,238	10/14/2003	Ginn et al.
____217	6,634,537	10/21/2003	Chen
____218	6,645,205	11/11/2003	Ginn
____219	6,652,538	11/25/2003	Kayan et al.
____220	6,669,714	12/30/2003	Coleman et al.
____221	6,679,904	01/20/2004	Gleeson et al.
____222	6,695,867	02/24/2004	Ginn et al.
____223	6,719,777	04/13/2004	Ginn et al.

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____224	6,726,704	04/27/2004	Loshakove et al.
____225	6,749,621	06/15/2004	Pantages et al.
____226	6,755,842	06/29/2004	Kanner et al.
____227	6,767,356	07/27/2004	Kanner et al.
____228	6,780,197	02/21/2002	Carley et al.
____229	6,926,731	08/09/2005	Coleman et al.
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